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Pamplin, Dec. 13.- Week-end visitors of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Marsh were Miss Evelyn Marsh, of Rustburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marsh, of Bedford.

Miss Ruth Fizer was a week-end visitor in the home of Mrs. R. S. Baldwin.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Southall were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neal and family, of Farmville and J. C. Paulette, of Evergreen.

Kenneth Farrar spent the week-end at his home.

James Ligon is spending a few days with his parents.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. N. L. McClenny were Mr and Mrs. F. M. Catlett and daughter, Jo Ann, of Gladstone, and Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McClenny, of Farmville.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brightwell were Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Slate, and family, of Farmville.

Miss Flora Williams, who has been ill for some time, is receiving treatment at Memorial hospital.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black, Mrs. L. M. Southall and Miss Kate Franklin spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser were Mrs. Sterling Massey and son and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Covington and son.

The regular monthly meeting of the Easter Star was held Tuesday night.

Pamplin Lodge Elects Officers

Pamplin, Dec. 12.- The December meeting and election of officers for the Pamplin Masonic Lodge was held Thursday night, with the following results:

Worshipful Master, Dr. C. H. McCall; Senior Warden, R. L. Longsworth; Junior Warden, Z. T. Moran; Senior Deacon, Dean Chase; Secretary, N.E. Farrar; Treasurer, L. N. Ligon; Junior Deacon, Roach Watson.

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Father Darkleaf's Column

BY C.N.S.

Dr. L. L. Gayle, local dentist, has definite views on the care of an opossum. For a month now he has had an opossum cooped up in his back yard. But the doctor figured the animal wasn't happy. True, he got his meals regularly, and seemed to sleep well, but that wasn't enough for "the larger life." So Dr. Gayle has decided to give the opossum daily exercises! Distaining a rope around the rear, or a chain around the neck, the doctor previews to obtain, the opossum's tail to keep hold on to the opossum's tail to keep him from getting away! Now, if you are candid camera addicts want a good picture, go up some day and photograph Dr. L. L. Gayle leading an opossum around by the tail!

We are informed of a trick proposition upon one of our young residents. He wished to telephone a certain young lady in Lynchburg, and asked a friend for her telephone number. The friend told him to call Lynchburg 56. Imagine his chagrin when he called that number and asked to speak to the young lady in question and found that he had called police headquarters!

Mother Brightleaf does her shopping in quality company. Saturday afternoon in one Richmond store she had Governor and Mrs. Price to help her make a selection, and in another store she helped Thomas J. Colin, possible next governor, select a tie!

While she was doing all that, I drove out to Richmond University, and ran across Vincent Collins, Appomattox boy who just won his varsity letter in football. Vincent has added weight and at 20th may be shifted from end to tackle next fall. We also ran into the grandson of Mrs. T. A. Walton, who is a student there.

There are few left who still say they don't have to advertise because everybody knows I'm here," but they pass along anyway the story of a farmer who was driving along the highway at a fair rate of speed with a big truck following behind. Suddenly, without extending a warning hand, the farmer turned sharply into a side road. Result: the truck collided with the farmer's car and wrecked it. "Why didn't you give me a signal that you were going to turn?" demanded the irate truck driver. "Haven't you driven long enough to know that you ought to let people know what you are going to do?" The farmer replied in a surprised tone, "Why I thought everybody knew I lived up that lane!"

BETHANY DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETING

Evergreen, Dec. 20.- The Bethany home demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Ruth Jennings Morton December 11th. Miss Ella Smith gave a talk on refinishing furniture. The members of the club showed splendid cooperation in bringing material from which Miss Smith made attended in Appomattox. Congratulations were in order for Mrs. Joe Paslete as a winner in a canning contest. She also rated one of the highest scores in the county on poultry improvement. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. B. W. Harvey.

Reporter, Dorothy Austin.

Largest Tobacco Crop

The largest crop of tobacco ever produced in the United States is predicted for 1939. The Department of Agriculture's crop reporting board has estimated 1939 production at 1,769,630,000 pounds for all types, an increase of 121,000,000 pounds over the previous record crop of 1930, and about 29 per cent larger than the 1938 crop.

All types of tobacco showed increases in production over the 1938 yield, with the largest increase in the fire-cured types.

Fire-cured production this year was estimated at 98,522,000 pounds, or 59 per cent over the 1938 crop.

German is building submarines by mass production method.

Finland pays war debt installment to United States, despite pressure of Russian invasion.

Finland reports that Russian tanks are inferior.

Churches plan Christmas programs.

County schools close this afternoon for Christmas holidays.

Weekly State Capital News Dispatch

Richmond, Va., Dec. 20.-(By VPA) As the date approaches for the opening of the 1940 session of the Virginia General Assembly, various legislative study groups are completing their assignments. Several commissions have submitted reports to Governor Price, some of which have been made public, while others are whipping their recommendations into final shape for early presentation. The Governor's budget advisors completed their work some time ago and fiscal officials have been preparing recommendations to be transmitted to the lawmakers. Governor Price has announced that the budget conference for the press is scheduled for Monday, January 8, at the Executive Mansion, at which time representatives of Virginia newspapers and news services will be given a preview of budgetary recommendations.

Various State departments have requested increased appropriations, while the Virginia Education Association is engaged in an energetic campaign in support of its three-point program, which if adopted, would require a heavy additional appropriation of State funds. Among other responsibilities facing the assembly will be that of providing an extra $500,000 a year, or $1,000,000 for the next biennium, for the maintenance and operation of new buildings constructed in the last two years. This has been disclosed in a special report prepared for the Governor and his budget advisory committee. The report shows that the State had contracted or would complete 86 new buildings during the current two years, representing a total capital outlay of $12,279,586. (Virginia contributed $4,722,635, the remainder coming from private gifts, institutional earnings and chiefly, from PWA grants. The gross increase in operating and maintenance costs attributable to the new buildings was estimated at $792,927 a year, but certain of the buildings will bring in a total estimated revenue of about $293,000 a year. This will leave a net annual increase of $499,547, or approximately $1,000,000 for the coming biennium.

Recommendation that reopportionment of the membership of the General Assembly be deferred until 1942 is contained in a report of the legislative interlocutory commission presented to the Governor. It was pointed out by the group that the 1940 census figures would not be available for the guidance of the assembly next month. The creation of a commission to continue the study and to recommend a redistricting plan to the 1942 assembly was suggested.

What appears likely to develop into a spirited legislative battle is a proposal that the State constitution be amended to prohibit the diversion of highway funds. A measure embodying that principle passed the senate two years ago, but was defeated in the house. The Weaver highway study commission, through a majority report, has recommended such an amendment to the constitution. However, four members of the study group have issued a minority report opposing such a move, claiming it is unnecessary, and that it represents a tendency that would deprive the assembly of its "financial freedom of action." The minority report, drafted by former State Senator C. O'Connor Goolrick, of Fredericksburg, on behalf of himself and Delegates R. F. Baldwin, of Norfolk, Joseph R. Goodwin, of Portsmouth, and B. B. Ferguson, of Richmond, other members of the dissenting group, said because of the hazy economy commission on all questions, it was with "regret" that it found itself unable to concur in the majority recommendations for the amendment segrating all funds derived by the Commonwealth "from taxes on motor fuels and from motor vehicle registration and licenses for highway purposes." The minority expressed the view that it was satisfied that the proposition is both unsound and unwise."

The report warned that "should a policy of segration of revenues by constitutional amendment be adopted, and this tendency increased, the general funds of the State would inevitably diminish until the General Assembly is deprived in advance of its financial freedom of action. To our minds, this is not desirable." The minority also referred to the majority's statement that "there is at present but little, if any sentiment in Virginia in favor of diversion," and said to this "may be added the fact that up to now there has been no diversion of any moment."

Recommending the abolition of the fee system as a means of compensating sheriffs and city sergeants, a comprehensive report on Virginia's penal system has been submitted to

The Times-Viginian
Wishes You
A Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 5 years old. I have two little brothers and a sister, so I don't want to act like a pig. I want you to bring me a truck, car and a horn. I want a good-sized truck, with a big body. Also bring me some candy, nuts, oranges, raisins, bananas and any other things you happen to have with you.

Thanking you very much, and wishing you a very merry Christmas,

Curtis Robertson, Jr.

Miss Hilda Moore, of Tallahassee, Florida, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore.

A. L. Jamerson and J. H. Vanhoy, of Farmville, were in Appomattox Tuesday.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Robinson, of Syrings, will arrive Sunday evening to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have tried to be a good little girl. Please bring me a doll, some white galoshes, stove and doll bed. Don't forget granny and grandpa, daddy. Love,

Shirley Morris.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a new cap and a nice new sweater and truck and cap pistol, also nuts, candy and oranges and don't forget to bring Opal Adair some little pans to cook in. Be sure to go to see all the little girls and boys. I have been a good little boy Mother says, and teacher gave me a good report. So don't forget

Earl Johnson.

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl four years old. I live with my grandparents. I would like for you to bring me a doll that can sleep and can cry, a piano, and all kinds of good things to eat. So don't forget grandmother and grandad, and the other little boys and girls. You will find Freddie at my house that night.

Your little friend,

Betty Louise Franklin

Play safe— drive carefully. Let's have no accidents to mar the Christmas holidays.

British claim greatest sea victories this week of entire war.

Finns foil Russian attempt to bomb Helsinki.

Local post-office rushed with holiday mail.

No matter how good your service and merchandise may be, you have to advertise it if you expect it to sell!

Appomattox needs boosters.

Attend church Christmas Sunday.

Governor Price by the legislative advisory council. The group also recommended: creation of a division of corrections within the department of welfare; a State probation and parole system; three additional jail farms for misdemeanants, installment collection of fines; a parole board in the division of corrections; abolition of the office of constable. Substition of a straight salary, instead of the fee system, for sheriffs and city sergeants, was recommended, with two-thirds of the salary to be paid by the State and one-third by the localities.

Judges Dobie, Barksdale Are Elevated

(By VPA)

Judge Armistead Dobie, of Charlottesville, long-time professor of law at the University of Virginia, and co-judge of the Federal district court of Western Virginia since last May, has been named to a vacancy on the Fourth United States Circuit court of appeals. The recess appointment was made by President Roosevelt to fill the vacancy resulting from the retirement of Judge Elliott Northcutt.

Senator Carter Glass has stated that Judge A. D. Barksdale, of Lynchburg, who now presides over the Sixth Virginia Judicial circuit, has been named to succeed Judge Dobie on the district court bench. Judge Barksdale formerly was a member of the State senate and was for ten years chairman of the Lynchburg city Democratic committee. His father, Judge William R. Barksdale, presided in the Sixth State judicial circuit for nearly half a century.

Among those being mentioned to succeed Judge Barksdale on the circuit court bench in Lynchburg and Campbell county, are State senator Charles E. Burke, of Lynchburg, and trial justice W. H. Overby, of Rustburg.

Christmas Seal Sales

A final appeal for support for the annual purchase of Christmas Seals was made today. Reports should be in at once to Miss Louise Scruggs, county chairman, to Miss Edith O'Brien, or your local chairman. Reports this far have been very gratifying.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Susie Caldwell, who died one year ago today, December 22, 1938.

"Mother"

Mother dear, thy name we love,
'Twas given thee by God above,
Although one year you have been away,
We miss you more and more each day.
Our thoughts revert to days of old,
To thy love, purer than gold,
Oh! how we miss thy tendir care,
Thy loving words, thy silvered hair,
Thy love akin to God's—divine—
Oh! how we miss you, mother mine.

The days are dark, we long for you,
But we have still the memory,
With visions bright, all else so dear,
Compared with thoughts of mother dear.

In our hearts, your memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, fond and true,
We may look the whole world over,
There is none can take the place of you.

Sadly missed by

HER CHILDREN.

Report bein Christmas volume of trade since 1929.

Renew your subscription to the county paper as once so we can get our books in shape by January 1st!

Many people judge business conditions by their state of their own financial affairs.

To Preach Sunday At Liberty Church

Rev. Harvey Nichols will preach at the regular morning worship hour at Liberty Baptist church Sunday, December 24. Hear him, you will enjoy his message.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 20.- Christmas is just around the corner. Listen, do you hear Saint Nick's sleigh bell's ringing? If this nice warm weather continues, I think he will take a plane.

Wedding bells continue to ring. Recently, a lady, on being asked if she saw the "bride and groom" at church, replied, "Of whom do you speak? there are so many newly married couples in the community I just can't keep up with the latest.

Vinston Ehornhill leaves Thursday for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will spend Christmas with his brothers, John Lee and Robert.

Mrs. Vinston Thornhill and daughter, Ida Lee, spent last week-end with Mrs. Willie Beale.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at Liberty Chapel church December 25th at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Roop were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. M. L. Garrette.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs, and little son, Warren, were afternoon guests in the same home.

The P. T. A. will hold their regular meeting at Liberty Chapel school Thursday afternoon. The school will render a seasonal program and present a Christmas tree for the pupils.

Merry Christmas to Mother Brightleaf and Father Darkleaf, and all the faithful readers of the "Times-Virginian...." "Liberty Chapel Correspondent."

Vesper Services

Vesper services will be held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, December 24th, at 5 P.M.

The public is invited to come and sing Christmas Carols. Special music will be furnished by Mrs. D. E. Caldwell, Jr., and Mrs. Callie Cates.

We invite you to send us local news items for publication.

Plenty of free parking space in Appomattox for Christmas shoppers.

Last minute shoppers rash to buy Christmas gifts.

Appomattox is a growing town!

Give a year's subscription to the Times-Virginian for Christmas!

Let's have no auto accidents to mar the Christmas holidays.

Vice-president John Nanes Garner announces candidacy for the 1940 Democratic nomination.

American public ovinion rallies to Finland in present emergency.

Italy states still adheres to its alliance with Germany.

U. S. Treasury prepared to protect market for U. S. bonds.

Appomattox Is Ready For Big Yule Season

With "last-minute" shoppers busy and Christmas just around the corner, Appomattox is all set for a big week-end. Local merchants declare that has been one of the busiest Christmas seasons on record, and that by Saturday night they will be far ahead in volume of sales over recent holiday periods. Local stores are remaining open nights all this week. Several merchants pointed to the fact that their customers started their Christmas buying early this year and have larger than usual stocks of holiday merchandise awaiting them.

Stores, banks and offices will be closed Monday. Schools began the Christmas holiday this afternoon.

Town authorities pointed to the law forbidding shooting firecrackers on streets and around the business parts of town. Firecrackers should be taken home and used only on private premises.

An appeal for safety has also been made, one local business man asking the children who ride bicycles to use caution particularly when riding on the busy streets or main highways.

Special programs, featuring Christmas music, are being prepared for Christmas Sunday at the churches.

Scores of family gatherings also are being planned, with relatives, students, teachers, and friends from a distance ready to do justice to the holiday table.

With 1939 having been a year of great progress, building and general business improvement, Appomattox has much to celebrate this Christmas.

Freshman News

By Hazel Schutt

In the Latin and general language class of Miss O'Brien, we sang Carols in Latin. We sang "Silent Night, O Come All Ye Faithful" and the chorus of "Jingle Bells."

In the English class of Miss Pankey, every one composed a Christmas poem.

Sophomore News

By Clara Whitmer Moore

The Monogram Club met on the chapel program Wednesday, which consisted of giving the well-earned monograms to the football boys.

The Sophomore room has a large Christmas tree with beautiful decorations on it.

Bowling League Standing
Week of December 11

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Shoe Shop	25	9
Casco	22	11
Auto Service	20	13
Independents	17	16
Ramsey	16	17
Hardware	16	17
Esso	14	19
Moses	2	31
For Ladies: Bees	17	16
Quinns	16	17

High team score, Auto Service 1626

APPOMATTOX 4-H CLUB

The Appomattox Senior 4-H club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 13. The meeting was opened by the president. We had a program, including a nice speech by Ralph Moore. A committee was appointed to suggest 1940 activities.

—Roy Moon, reporter.

SPOUT SPRING HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

On December 13, the Spout Spring home demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. J. C. Cullop. The meeting was opened by the president. After the minutes of the last meeting and the roll, Miss Ella Smith gave a demonstration on making Christmas gifts with the business session. Miss Smith was given a surprise birthday shower by the club members. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Lovely Christmas colors, green, red and white were carried out in the refreshments, favors and home decorations. Mrs. Cullop and daughters made charming hostess and the club hopes to meet with them again when Miss Smith has another birthday.

BAPTIST CHOIR TO MEET

The members of the choir of Liberty Baptist church will meet with Miss Lucy LeGrand on Friday night December 22, at 7:30.

Hosts For Holidays

Miss Foss Christian, of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation here with her parents.